Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Government have ordered the removal of glasses of doors and windows of all Government buildings in Ernakulam and Mattancheri.

(*b*) Government have no information.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether the Government will enquire into the matter whether the glass shutters in the Willingdon Island are still without removal or without any protection?

Mr. President: The A. R. P. arrangements of the Willingdon Island is in charge of the A. R. P. Controller. So far as the A. R. P. measures are concerned we have no control over this department.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: That of course we can understand. The thing is why this sort of difference between buildings in Willingdon Island and the buildings in Ernakulam? That is what we want to know. I can certainly understand that it is particularly for military purposes that the glass windows of Ernakulam have to be protected and the glass windows in the Willingdon Island also ought to be protected. But why this difference? It appears, probably there is more danger in Willingdon Island than in Ernakulam. That is why I am putting this question.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Is there necessity for removing the glass shutters at all? If it is necessary why were the glass shutters at Willingdon Island not removed? We want to know whether the A. R. P. work is very slack in the Willingdon Island.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Certainly not. It is absolutely necessary to remove the glass shutters and it is wrong to assume that the A. R. P. work is slack in Willingdon Island.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether there is an order given there for the removal of shutters or whether no order has been given.

Mr. President: The A. R. P. Controller of Willingdon Island and for other areas appointed by this Government is the A. R. P. Controller of the whole area. He is in direct charge of Willingdon Island and it is his duty to see to this matter. We have no control over him in this regard.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: It is not a question whether we have control over it or not.

Mr. President: I will make enquiries in the matter.

Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated)*: Has the Government ordered the private owners for the removal of glass shutters?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I do not think.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In Mr. Koder's shop all the glass shutters have been removed and the almirah's there look like coffins.

Mr. President: When high explosive bombs fall in the vicinity all the glass splinters.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is the removal of the glass shutters necessary? In Mysore they have already relaxed the lighting restrictions completely.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Mysore is quite different from our State.

PRICE CONTROL—HELP OF THE MAGISTRACY AND POLICE

93. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin-Christians-Cranganur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if the Diwan Peishkar has brought to the notice of Government at any time the necessity to issue order to the Magistracy and Police to help him to enforce price control;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state the date of the report of the Diwan Peishkar requesting such help;

(*c*) whether the Diwan Peishkar has at any time requested the Magistracy and Police to help him in enforcing price control;

(*d*) is Government aware that there is a public feeling that the Diwan Peishkar actually resents any action taken by the Magistracy, the Police or his subordinate officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes—to issue orders to the Police.

(*b*) 5th September 1941.

(*c*) Yes. The Police Commissioner was addressed by the Diwan Peishkar officially and demi-officially first on 24th August 1941 and later on also. He was also personally requested

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whenever that was found necessary. The D. S. P., Trichur the Inspectors of Police, Trichur, Trippunittura and Hill Palace Stations and A. S. P. of Ernakulam were called by him and given instructions as to how to start proceedings under the Defence of India Rules as this was a new matter to them and they were requested to go to the Advocate-General whenever they found any difficulty in the matter. He had already obtained the opinion of the Advocate-General as to how these proceedings were to be started.

(*d*) No. On the contrary the Government's information is that the Diwan Peishkar requested such help and co-operation from these three departments. To his Departmental subordinates he issued a Circular on 24th August 1941.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know whether the Government are aware that proper help has been received by the Government in this matter from the Magistracy and the Police Department in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. Adequate help and co-operation has come from all the Departments.

PROMOTIONS IN THE SECRETARIAT

94. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether it is their policy when vacancies occur in the higher offices of the Huzur Secretariat, to consider the claims of officers working in that office only?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: So far as appointments up to the Superintendents' grade are concerned, generally the claims of the officers in the Secretariat alone are considered. As regards appointments above the Superintendents' grade the claims of officers in other Departments also are considered as far as possible.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: So far the appointments of Superintendents, Government do not consider the claims of officers working in other Departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: No generally. That is for appointments up to the Superintendent's grade the clerks in the Secretariat are generally promoted.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know whether the Government used to take members from the Secretariat for promotion in other departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: They are sent out from time to time as Managers of the Heads of Departments and as Tahsildars. They are not the only persons sent out for these appointments. Members from other Departments also are sent out. There is a comprehensive list of seniority of persons on Rs. 100—150 and persons are selected from that list according to seniority. Those appointments are not exclusively ear-marked for the Superintendents of the Secretariat alone.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur)*: Is it the policy of Government to take people for these appointments only from the Huzur Secretariat?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It is not the policy.

Mr. P. V. SREENIVASA AYYAR—PERMANENT POST OF

95. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will Government be pleased to state the name of the permanent post of Mr. P. V. Sreenivasa Ayyar, now acting as the assistant of the Diwan Peishkar in the matter of famine relief operations?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: He was permanent as Sarvadhikariakar to His Highness but his lien on the post has been suspended.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Is it the case of the Government that he has no permenant post now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: He has a permanent post. He is now the Assistant Devaswam Commissioner.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know why his lien on the permanent appointment was suspended?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It is always done when a permanent officer does not occupy his post for a considerable time. There is specific provision in the C. S. R. So his lien has been suspended. It does not mean that he will have to go without a job. When this temporary appointment ceases, he will revert to his permanent post.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether there have been previous instances of this kind.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Several.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know the pay that he is drawing now?

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